
**20th Annual
New Jersey Women's and Gender
Studies Consortium**

**Undergraduate Research
Colloquium**

**12 April 2024
Drew University**

The New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium is a state-wide forum for discussion and support of all aspect of the functioning of Women's and Gender Studies Programs. The mission of the NJWGSC is to ensure the continued strength, visibility, and development of interdisciplinary women's and gender studies at universities and colleges in New Jersey. The Consortium stands as the formal organization of women's and gender studies programs, departments, and initiatives across New Jersey. The Consortium also serves as a network of WGS programs, departments, and initiatives, and provides collaborative spaces where WGS students, staff, and faculty can share resources, knowledge, and strategies for achieving our common goals of feminist, multicultural education, research, and practices for social justice.

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2023-2024:

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Keynote Speaker — LC-28, 12:00 pm

Caitlin Killian, Drew University



Caitlin Killian is a Professor of Sociology at Drew University specializing in gender, families, reproduction, and immigration. She is the author of *Failing Moms: Social Condemnation and Criminalization of Mothers* (Polity 2023) and *North African Women in France: Gender, Culture, and Identity* (Stanford University Press 2006). Her articles have appeared in *Contexts* magazine and *The Conversation*, and she has published in numerous academic journals about adoption, overblown warnings about women's alcohol consumption during pregnancy, sexual and reproductive health and justice, and immigrant and refugee women. As a consultant for the United Nations, she developed the module on sexual and reproductive health and rights for UN staff training and co-authored a UNDP report on Syrian refugee women in Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey. More information can be found at <https://caitlinkillian.com/>

Session Three: 2:00– 3:15PM

Panel E -- Ehinger Center 145

Women's Writing and Philosophy

Moderator: Marie-Pascale Pieretti, French

"The Search for Identity of Joe Christmas from *Light in August* and Pecola Breedlove and Claudia MacTeer from *The Bluest Eye*: The Self and Societal Affects" Kayla Latendresse | *GCU*

"Challenging Stereotypes: Women's Voices in Magazines, 1940s to 1960" Madison Augustyn | *Rider*

"Postmodernism and Narrative Identity in Toni Morrison's *Beloved*" Keiran Dugan | *Drew*

"The Untranslatability of Feminist Translation Theory" Skylar M. Tanski | *Drew*

"Ending the Mentality of Massification: A Feminist Ethicality for Animal Rights" Yuval Saar | *Rowan*

Panel F -- Ehinger Center, The Space

Our bodies, Ourselves: Women's Health

Moderator: Wendy Kolmar

"'Our Bodies, Ourselves:' Women's Health Advocacy Initiative" Nidia Jimenez-Barrios, Brianna Dudley, Anna Vasquez, Kaitlyn Nickerson, Kyla White | *Brookdale*

"Ending Child Marriage" Stefany Vasquez | *GCU*

"Understanding How Abortion Procedures Affect Both Women and Men" Graciana Casola | *Ramapo*

"The Dilemmas of Demographical Research and Masking on Autism Diagnosis" Alessia Bradley | *Rider*

"To Be Free But Not to Bleed Free: America's Inequality in Menstrual Product Access" Sara Hosbach | *Ramapo*

Schedule Overview

All sessions are in the Ehinger Center unless otherwise noted.

8:15 Coffee and Registration
Ehinger Center

8:45 Welcome

9:00 Session 1

10:30 Session 2

12:00 Keynote: Caitlin Killian, Drew University
Learning Center 28

1:00 Lunch — Crawford Hall

2:00 Session 3

3:30 Reception & Awards

Session One: 9:00- 10:15

Panel A -- Ehinger Center 145

Rethinking Desire: Feminist Perspectives on Sex and Power

Moderator: Rita Keane, Drew

"Onticide of Black Bodies in the Caribbean"

Rachel D. Perez | Rutgers

"The Hyper-Sexualization of Black Women in The Media"

I'Yanah Barnes | Stockton

"Colonialism and Female Homoeroticism in Colonial India and Britain" Allison Gonzales | Rutgers

"The Construct of Pleasure: Clinical Perspectives, Black Feminism, and Disability Studies" Sabrina Sims | TCNJ

"An Understanding of the Sexual Assault Epidemic with Related Social Movements, Policies, and University Programming" Anushree Chauhan | Rowan

Panel B -- Ehinger Center, The Space

Staging Gender: Radical Reimaginings

Moderator: Karen Pechilis, Drew

"Fluidity of Gender" Breanna Guinta; *Monmouth*

"Ties, Tights, and Timberlands: Examining Gendered Presentation in Trans and Black Lesbians" Rachel Guloy | TCNJ

"Never be Satisfied with Yourself: Late Capitalism and its Impact on Women's Relationship with their Body Hair" Laila N. Isfahan | TCNJ

"Stalking Ourselves" Dawn McCall | Rowan

"To Be or Not to Be Queer: An Analysis of Bisexuality in Young Adult Romance" Victoria Orlowski | Stockton

Session Two: 10:30-11:45

Panel C -- Ehinger Center 145

Questioning Representations: Contemporary Social Media

Moderator: Raili Roy, Drew

"#Unfiltered 2023" Brynn Casey; Gabrielle Naidrich; Haley Kampschmidt | *Monmouth*

"Does Girls Body Image Stem From Their Mothers?" Sydney Lore | NJCU

"Rated 'M' for Men: Understanding the Toxic Culture of Gaming and Streaming" Jimmy Woo | GCU

"Girls and Fandom: A Video Essay" Maximilian del Rosario | NJCU

Panel D -- Ehinger Center, The Space

Rethinking Social Movements

Moderator: Chelsea Ebin, Drew

"Two Sides of the Same Coin: An Observance of the Strategies Utilized in the Women's Suffrage Movement in 20th Century America" Cathleen Kane | *Rider*

"New Deal America's Lack of Support for Women" Sarah DeRoide | Stockton

"A 'World of Spirits': Late 19th Century Spiritualism in the United States" Shannon Whartnaby | *Monmouth*

"Evaluating Hookup Culture on Campus: A Lesbian Separatist Perspective" Megan Ruskey | Rutgers

"Conservative Republican Women and Feminism Podcast" Daniella Rosero | Drew
